Mastering Postal History:
How to Read and Interpret a Cover

APS On-the-Road Course

Thursday, January 26, 2017 • Prior to Southeastern Stamp Expo
Atlanta Hilton Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, GA

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Postal History: the study of covers and other artifacts that explain the movement of the mails

- Understand what, exactly, is postal history
- Answer the basic question "What is a cover?"
- Learn the four fundamental aspects of covers: Rates, Routes, Markings and Means
- Extend your knowledge of other aspects of your covers: Senders & Recipients, Origins & Destinations, Requested & Added Services, Labels & Etiquettes
- Evaluate cover intangibles: Provenance, Condition & Rarity
- Master the taxonomy of postal history artifacts
- Learn where to find the answers to your postal history questions
- Understand the role of expertizing covers
- Develop the skills to determine relative value of postal history
- Appreciate the broader importance of postal history as a means to study world history
- Return home with a valuable reference guide to researching postal history

The purpose of this course is to enable participants to fully understand their postal history collections.

- *What is the story that each cover can tell?*
- *How to organize your covers into a more meaningful postal history collection.*
- *How to maximize the value of your covers*
- *How to become a more informed buyer and learn what to pay for a cover*

Bring your mystery items, and a sense of curiosity to this course.
We won't have all the answers, but we'll show you how to find them!

Taught by the enthusiatic Gary Wayne Loew

Gary Wayne Loew is the author of the forthcoming book, *Mastering Postal History*. His collecting interests have been both wide-ranging and narrowly-focused. For example, his "vertical" collecting interest is Gambia and his "horizontal" interest is the King George V 1935 Silver Jubilee issues. Gary's philatelic writing has appeared in T*he Collectors Club Philatelist*, *Cameo*, *The Airpost Journal*, *Flagstaff* and *The Philatelic Exhibitor*. His proudest philatelic accomplishments include the numerous roles he has played in digitizing journals for the USPCS, USSS, and the complete run of the *U.S. Postal Bulletin*. He is a life member of the APS, serves as treasurer of the Postal History Society and has numerous other memberships. Gary is a recent transplant to Atlanta, Georgia, where he is enjoying the friendly folks and the Cobb County Stamp Club.

Course Information

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(lunch on your own)
Location: Atlanta Hilton Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Norcross, GA
Cost $65 for APS Members / $105 for non-members
Some of the costs for this course are being underwritten by the Southeastern Stamp Expo
Registration Deadline: ***January 7, 2017***
To Register: http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses

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